

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Jenn Domzalski, Jim Daugherty, Alan Hipps, Gary Vojtush, and Renell Noack. In addition, Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Jason Buss, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, and Police Chief Mark Wentz were present. Service Department Director Jason Walters was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve Council minutes from February 10, 2016 made by Councilman Daugherty, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor.

Motion to approve Council minutes from February 24, 2016 made by Councilman Daugherty, seconded by Councilwoman Noack. All in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

Howard Shafron addressed Council with questions about the Building and Zoning Department and the zoning approval process.

LEGISLATION:

2016-16- An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Erica Gregg as a Part-Time Police Officer. First Reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.
Chief Wentz swore in Erica Gregg as a Part-Time Police Officer.

2016-15- An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Robert Davet as a Full Time Fire Fighter. First Reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilwoman Noack. All in favor, zero opposed.
Chief Buss swore in Robert Davet as a Full-Time Fire Fighter.

PRESENTATION:

CCA representatives Dennis Bernaciak and Jeff Ryba gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ- Mayor Nehez reported he attended the Nordonia Hills drug Awareness Program. It was an extraordinary program, and he thanked Nordoniahills.news for putting it together. Nordoniahills.news also helped out with a survey for what the newly donated building should be used for. Vic Milani, reporter for Nordoniahills.news, reported the majority of those that took the survey said they wanted it to become the Police Station.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TRICIA INGRASSIA- Report attached.

A work session to discuss the budget will be held Tuesday March 15th: Fire Department at 5:30pm; Police Department at 6:00pm; and Service Department at 6:30pm.

Tricia asked Council for a motion to pay Walton Hills Collision for the cruiser repair because it exceeds \$5,000. Motion made by Council President Magistrelli, seconded by Councilman Vojtush.

All in favor, zero opposed.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY- Report attached.

Councilman Vojtush asked Rich why we need a temporary easement on the Salemi Redi-Wash property for the Ledge Road project. Rich explained that Salemi has two different driveways. One is concrete, and we will be ripping the apron out, and the other is a gravel drive. The property at Ledge and SR 8 is legally called the Salemi / Redi-Wash Family Limited Partnership; we do not need a temporary easement for the car wash property on the west side of Rt. 8.

Council President Magistrelli asked if the Storm Water Report has anything to do with the catch basins that we have to test and turn in a report to the EPA. Rich advised it is part of it. Anything we do with stormwater in the Village, any cleaning of the sewers, catch basins, use of salt, any maintenance we do on the system, any money spent on our employees with stormwater functions, plus Rich and his associates going to monthly stormwater meetings and quarterly EPA meetings, is all involved so that we are in compliance with the Stormwater Phase 2 regulations. We have not been audited by Ohio EPA yet; we were audited by USEPA about five years ago. When Ohio EPA does audit the Village, the first thing they will check is what we have been doing with Phase 2 regulations. They will give us probably 2-3 sheets of regulations that we will have to fix, which is standard.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- Request for acceptance of the January, 2016 Mayor's Court Report totaling \$13,037.48. Motion made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Council President Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed.

Request for acceptance of the February, 2016 Mayor's Court Report totaling \$25,096.73. Motion made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Council President Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz- Report attached.

Fire Chief, Jason Buss- Report attached.

Mayor Nehez stated he attended a meeting with Macedonia, Sagamore Hills, and Northfield Center about the possibility of combining services. Nothing has been decided at this time. Things are just in the talking phase to go through numbers to see if there would be a savings if the communities came together as one.

Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters- No report.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD-, MAYOR NEHEZ- Reported he is looking at putting two new people on the Recreation Board.

CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAGISTRELLI: Meeting scheduled March 23 at 6:30.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, COUNCILMAN DAUGHERTY:-No report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE, RENELL NOACK: -No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, COUNCILMAN VOJTUSH:-No report.

Thanked Council for putting on the new employees for Police and Fire Departments.

FIRE AND SAFETY, COUNCILWOMAN DOMZALSKI:-No report.

Thanked Chief Buss for organizing the CPR classes and is challenging Council members to attend at least one of the scheduled classes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, COUNCILMAN HIPPS:-No report.

LEGISLATION

2016-13 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1262.05(f) of the Planning and Zoning Code Relating to Zoning Certificates. Third Reading. An additional work session to go over this Ordinance will be scheduled.

2016-17-An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth the Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 and Submitting the same to the County Fiscal Officer. First Reading. To be placed on 2nd reading at the next Regular Council Meeting.

2016-18 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement to Convey Real Estate with the Marotta Corporation Regarding the 10435 Northfield Road Property. First Reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps and seconded by Councilman Vojtush. Councilman Vojtush stated it was nice to tour the building. He stated it needs a lot of work, but it could be worse. Councilman Vojtush also thanked the Marotta Corporation for selling the Village the building for \$1. He thinks it will go a long way for the Village.

Brad Bryan wanted to emphasize that the agreement to convey the property to the Village as it may be redeveloped shall be formally designated to have been donated by the Vincent Marotta Sr. Family in memory of the Carmen and Helen Consolo Family. The two families were good friends, and Mr. Marotta recently passed away. That was part of the impetus for the donation.

All in favor to pass, zero opposed.

2016-19 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2016 Temporary Appropriation Resolution and /or Transferring Items already Appropriated in that Resolution. First Reading. There was an amendment to the resolution since it was distributed yesterday. Motion to approve the amendment to the resolution made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Noack. All in favor, zero opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Vojtush stated he and Tricia toured the RITA facility this week, and he stated he was very impressed with what they have and what they do. He hopes to tour CCA as well.

Tricia advised she did not ask any questions to CCA because she felt they were in defense mode. She also wants to point out we currently are not on the FTI with CCA; we are on a wait list. Tricia advised this is a very important resource we could be using and we are not on it.

Councilman Vojtush agreed that it is very important to be on the FTI list.

Council President Magistrelli stated CCA did move quickly through that subject.

Councilwoman Domzalski asked if there is going to be another work session on this subject after Councilman Vojtush tours CCA. Mr. Magestrelli stated a meeting could be scheduled at a later date after Mr. Vojtush toured the facility.

Brad Bryan reported the legislation does not have to be introduced until the first meeting in April if there is going to be a change. The timeline provided by RITA only contemplated the Village having one meeting per month rather than two.

Councilman Hipps wanted to announce he has been nominated for the Twenty-Thirty Club's 25 under 35 Movers and Shakers by his boss, and he has been selected for the award.

(This club recognizes 25 leaders under 35 years old that have a record of excellence in their work, civic engagement, and philanthropic effort)

The Mayor and Council congratulated Councilman Hipps.

ADJOURNMENT -Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Council President Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council

Council Meeting

March 9, 2016

■ PERSONNEL:

- **Part-time Officer COREY ZIDLICKY** is a candidate for a full-time opening with the Lyndhurst Police Department. He is in the Top 10 for two openings. We presently have three of our current seven part-time officers on hiring lists for other area departments.
- **ERICA GREGG** will be sworn in this evening as a part-time police officer. She will be Badge 824. She begins field training on Sunday, March 13, 2016 with **Officer Fred Jones**.

■ PART-TIME CANDIDATES:

- We have begun background investigations into two potential part-time candidates, **NICHOLAS MILTNER** and **ANDRE PRICE**. Chief Wentz will submit candidate summaries to the Fire & Safety Committee members for review as soon as their backgrounds are complete. If both pass our bureau litmus test, we would like to send them for the polygraph and medical screening. If all goes well, I would like to have them sworn in at the April 13, 2016 Council meeting.

■ HEROIN SYMPOSIUM – NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL:

- **MAYOR NEHEZ** and **POLICE CHIEF MARK WENTZ** attended the second in a series of three symposiums being held at Nordonia High School on various subjects. This event centered on the heroin epidemic. The mayor and police chief were invited as guest speakers and as part of a Drug Awareness panel for a question and answer period with the audience. The symposium was attended by concerned residents, students and their parents, and media personnel. Mayor Nehez and Chief Wentz were joined on stage by District 1 Summit County Councilman Nick Kostandaras; Janis L Beckett, Director, Chemical Dependency Services at Akron General Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation; Macedonia fire captain Brian Ripley; Nordonia Hills News contributing blog writer, Laraine Stumph; and from Ohio C.A.N. (Change Addiction Now), Cindy Tate- Koumoutzis, who is also the parent of a Kent State honors student who has been fighting a heroin addiction for years. It was well received and those in attendance found it informative.

■ CALLS FOR SERVICE:

- Like January 2016, **February 2016** saw an increase in Calls for Service over previous years. We had **849 Calls for Service** and made 182 traffic stops. Follow-up Investigations (43), Foot Patrols & Community Policing (77), House Checks (113), Vehicle Lock-outs (25), Money Escorts (25), Prisoner Booking/Release (22), and Assist to Rescue Squad (33) accounted for a large portion of the increase in call volume. We also responded to 25 suspicious persons and/or vehicle calls this past month.

■ End of Report ■

Respectfully submitted by Police Chief Mark C. Wentz

VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ENGINEER'S REPORT – RICHARD S. WASOSKY, P.E., P.S.

March 09, 2016

Subject: Ledge Road Reconstruction Phase 1 Final Plans and Right of Way

Comment: I have completed the right of way documents for Phase 1 plans. Three temporary easements will be required for Salemi/Redi Wash. Warren Olesinski and New Plaza Management, LLC. The Village should offer \$1.00 each for each temporary. I will put a copy of the documents in Brad Bryan's mailbox on Friday, March 11, 2016. Brad should try to have the documents signed as soon as possible.
The final plan work and bid documents is proceeding well and should be completed by early May 2016. I plan on bidding the project in mid May.
OPWC sent the formal approval letter for the \$349,359 project grant. Work on the construction cannot begin until after July 1, 2016.

Subject: Ledge Road Reconstruction Phase 2 Plans and Application

Comment: I still have not received approval from Macedonia to do the project and to be a co applicant for the OPWC Issue 1 project. I recommend holding off passing of the Northfield legislation for the project until after Macedonia passes their legislation.

Subject: Subdivision Plat for 200 Houghton Road

Comment: I reviewed and approved the proposed ATI Homes LLC Subdivision Plat and legal descriptions for 200 Houghton Road on February 24, 2016 and returned the information to the project surveyors, Campbell and Associates with instructions to forward the mylar to me and to attend the Planning Commission meeting on March 16, 2016. I have not heard yet if the property owner will be attending the meeting.

Subject: 2015 NEORSD Compliance Report

Comment: The NEORSD Annual Compliance Report was completed on February 16, 2016 and sent to NEORSD.

Subject: Ohio EPA Stormwater Phase 2 Annual Report

Comment: I am currently working on the Phase 2 Annual Stormwater Report for Ohio EPA. The report is due on March 25, 2016.

The Village of Northfield Fire Department

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Fire Chief Jason L Buss

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March 8, 2016

Activity Report

- A detailed copy of fire department activity is available upon request.
- As of *March 8, 2016* NVFD responded to a total of **130** incidents. We responded to a total of 777 incidents in 2015, which was a 17% increase of 2014 and a 55% increase since 2013. **96** of those incidents were EMS related and **34** incidents were FIRE related.
- NVFD has provided mutual aid for 7 incidents, provided automatic aid **10** times, and received mutual aid for 5 incidents and automatic aid for 1 incidents. (Total MA received in 2013 was 18, 2014 was 15, 2015 was 22)
- NVFD's average response time from time of call till time on scene is **3:56**
 - o As mutual and automatic aid has increased, our overall response time has been increased on average.

Fire Inspector / Prevention Report (As of February 24, 2016)

- 13 Annual Fire Inspections have been completed
- 7 Hood/Dust/Alarm/Sprinkler tests have been completed
- 10 Standby Events at Hard Rock Rocking

Department News

- **Full Time Employment Opening** - Robert Davet is being sworn in tonight, congratulations to him! He will start his full time schedule on March 20th.
- **Northfield Park Race Track Staffing** - We are currently process candidates to fill to help fill the staffing of the standby squad at NPRT. I would like to hire 2-3 EMTs by the end of March.
- **CPR Classes** - NVFD will host a Heartsaver CPR classes on Wednesday, March 30th from 630PM-930PM and Saturday April 2nd from 10AM-1PM. Class is free for residents, \$20 for non-residents. Please contact Chief Buss at 330-523-9422 if you are interested in attending. Class will be capped at ten (10) students per class

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Finance Report 03/09/16

EOM reports for February 2016 were placed in Council mailboxes in the copy room.

There are amendments requested for the temporary appropriations. As you can see, the net effect of the amounts requested is zero, as I am taking the funds from one appropriation line and moving it to accounts that had more activity than expected.

The proposed 2016 budget was distributed this evening. My assumption is we need a work session to discuss this. Can this be Monday or Tuesday next week?

I would like a motion by council to pay Walton Hills Collision Center for the repairs to cruiser 838 in the amount of \$9,282.67. The repairs have been completed to my knowledge.